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SUBJ: PHILLIPS PETROLEUM

1. TWO AMERICAN INDEPENDENT OIL COMPANIES WHICH HAD NOT BEEN CONFRONTED WITH NEW LIBYAN PRICE TERMS, AMOCO (PAN AMERICAN) AND PHILLIPS, MET WITH MINPET MABRUK OCT 4. AMOCO, PRODUCING 8,000 B/D ON EXTENDED TEST OF FIELD IN CONCESSION 95, REPORTEDLY CONCLUDED OXY-TYPE SETTLEMENT OCT 5. PHILLIPS, CURRENTLY PRODUCING 3,500 B/D FROM RAPIDLY DECLINING UMM FARUD FIELD IN CONCESSION 92, DECLINED SETTLEMENT TERMS AND, AT SAME TIME, FORMALLY NOTIFIED LARG OF ITS INTENT TO CEASE PRODUCTION AT UMM FARUD AND TO RELINQUISH ITS FIVE WHOLLY-OWNED CONCESSIONS (.'9J. 90-92 110 AND 111). RELINQUISHMENT TO OCCUR AFTER THREE MONTHS, AS PROVIDED BY PETROLEUM LAW.

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2. MINISTRY PETROLEUM SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY PHILLIPS ACTION, BUT ORDERED MOBIL
C OPERATOR OF TERMINAL THROUGH WHICH PHILLIPS CRUDE EXPORTED, TO STOP EXPORTS OF PHILLIPS-CONSIGNED CRUDE. ON OCT 5, PHILLIPS ORDERED BY ERRATIC DIR GEN TECHNICAL AFFAIRS, BIN 'UMRAN, TO CONTINUE PRODUCTION DESPITE BAN ON EXPORTS. PHILLIPS IS APPEALING ORDER TO MINPET.

3. COMMENT [redacted] B4

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